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Sir:

The following reply is responsive to the Office Action mailed May 29, 2008. In the Preliminary Amendment filed August 21, 2007, claims 1-2, 4-7, 9-12 and 14-18 were pending. Claims 19-21 were added under 37 CFR §1.111 and claims 22-24 are now added. Reexamination and reconsideration of the subject application are respectfully requested.

Also submitted herewith is a petition to extend the period of responding for two months, as well as a Notice of Appeal to the Board of Appeals and Patent Interferences.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees, which may be required to our deposit account No. 12-1155, including all required fees under: 37 C.F.R. §1.16; 37 C.F.R. §1.17; 37 C.F.R. §1.18; 37 C.F.R. §1.136.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 10 of this paper.

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